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The action of Judge CASTRILL of the Franklin Circuit Court in granting the injunction prayed by the Gobel Election Commissioners to prevent Messrs. COCHRAN

and MACKAY, Governor TAYLOR's appointment as members of the Commission, and in the same breath and of his own motion setting the injunction aside in order that his Gobelite friends might go before a selected Judge of the Court of Appeals to finally pass upon the case, is a piece of partisanship that discredits the Bench.

No reputable lawyer, whatever his politics, will defend such a flagrant piece of injustice and partisan chicanery; and one prominent attorney of Louisville is credited with saying that CASTRILL's action will in measure redound to the benefit of the Gobel people. Of course, some preferred Judge of the Appellate Court will be asked to reinstate the injunction, and the request will, it is expected, be complied with. Then the case will go back to Judge CASTRILL, to have the injunction made perpetual.

In the meantime the Gobel Election Commissioners will sit as a contest board, and hear the testimony regarding the contests over the minor state offices. What their decision will be is a foregone conclusion. The Board will decide in favor of the Gobel contestants. But the Republicans will not give up the offices. The motion to make the injunction perpetual cannot be decided by Judge CASTRILL until April. Then, from this decision the Republicans will take an appeal, after filing a supersedeas bond. This will make it September before the case can be filed in the Court of Appeals. Then it will be January before the case can be docketed and reached, and in the meantime, the prominent attorney referred to says, there will be a change in the complexion of the Court of Appeals. Judge HAZELRIGG's term expires on the first of next January, and the election of his successor takes place next November. The District from which his successor must be elected is Republican by over 7,000 majority, and it is reasonably certain that a Republican Judge will be elected to succeed Judge HAZELRIGG. With another Republican Judge of the Court of Appeals will stand four Republicans to three Democrats, and then a decision in favor of the Republican state officials would follow in short order.

With the decision in their favor any act committed by the Gobel Election Commissioners would be illegal, and the knowledge that their acts would be so declared will make them cautious as to what they do, so the Louisville attorney claims. He says that there is nothing at all to prevent the carrying out of the plan as he suggests, and that there is no possible chance for the Gobelites finally winning out, unless a Democratic successor to Judge HAZELRIGG is elected in next November. With a Republican Judge elected in place of HAZELRIGG, it will be all over with the Gobelites.

The Gobelites will banquet WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN at Frankfort on the 16th, and the cost will be \$5 per plate. Any man who offers anything but silver in payment ought to be excluded.

MANY newspapers are raising the subscription price on account of the great advance in the cost of white paper. For the present, the price of THE LEDGER remains at 25 cents a month—and now is the time to subscribe.

THERE was no Minister present in either House, and no prayer was offered Wednesday. A resolution was adopted inviting the Ministers of Frankfort to close the session with prayer. An amendment was offered and adopted inserting the word "white" before the word "Ministers."

That's the highest compliment that has been paid to the Negro for many a day, for no self-respecting "Nigger" would lower his dignity by voluntarily associating with such a disreputable gang as the present majority in the Kentucky Legislature.

KENTUCKY FLASHES.

UNEVENTFUL SESSIONS.

No Steps Were Taken That Had Any Bearing on the State Contests Impending.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 10.—The sessions of both houses of the legislature were uneventful, no steps being taken which had any bearing on the state contests. Former governor, W. O. Bradley, chief counsel for Gov. Taylor, when asked regarding stories that there had been brought here in citizens clothes, denied all knowledge concerning this matter, and denied with vehemence that the republican plans included arrangements to import here large bodies of men from over the state for the purpose of intimidating the legislature. He said: "We will summon about 3,000 witnesses here, whose evidence is to be taken for use before the state contest board, and many of them, I suppose, will come, but there will be no effort at intimidation. I take no stock in the talk about bloodshed."

At the adjournment of the session it was admitted that a guard is in charge of the state arsenal.

The house will be the center of attention. The principal fight of the day will be over the adoption of the joint rules as adopted by the senate last Saturday, and which undertakes to set aside the lieutenant governor and makes the speaker of the house the presiding officer in the joint assembly.

Congressman W. S. P. Breckinridge and other anti-Gobel democrats who had been summoned here held frequent conferences with both the republican and anti-Gobel democrats in the legislature. The anti-Gobel democratic members were especially urged to act with the republicans on the fight in the house against the joint assembly rules.

There was renewed talk that the republicans are planning means to get the governorship case into the federal courts, and it is stated that both Senators Lindsay and Deboe have given assurances that the federal government will sustain Gov. Taylor and all of the present incumbents of the state offices until the case is finally determined in the federal courts, regardless of the action of the legislature. The appealed case, involving the question of whether Gov. Taylor's appointees are the rightful state election commissioners, will be heard by Chief Justice Hazlerigg.

BALLOT FOR SENATOR.

Both Branches of the Legislature Select J. C. S. Blackburn for That Important Office.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 10.—Promptly on the stroke of 12 o'clock, Gov. Marshall announced that the time had arrived for a ballot, as provided by law, to elect a successor to William Lindsay in the United States senate. He called for nominations, and Senator Thomas named Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn, and Senator Howard named Hon. W. O. Bradley. All the democrats voted for Blackburn and all the republicans for Bradley.

The ballot resulted in 22 votes for Blackburn to 12 for Bradley, and the result was ordered spread on the journal.

At the same hour in the house Speaker Trimble ordered a ballot. G. W. Hickman nominated Blackburn and Slack nominated W. O. Bradley. W. Ray, of Carroll county, was the only democrat absent, and the vote resulted: Blackburn, 57; Bradley, 42. The total vote for Blackburn was 79 to 54 for Bradley, a majority of 25. The house and senate will meet in joint session to ratify the result of the ballot, and Blackburn will be formally elected.

"Fiddling" John Turner Dead. Middleboro, Ky., Jan. 10.—"Fiddling" John Turner, who was one of the oldest and most noted musicians of the feudists in this country, died at his home near this city of old age, being in his 86th year. It is said that during his time a score of men have fallen from his deadly aim. While he is credited with having killed more men than any other one in the mountains, yet "Fiddling John" was not a bad man, and claims in every instance it was to save his own life.

His Last Marriage.

Greene, Ky., Jan. 10.—John Q. McFadden, a prominent farmer of Carter county, and Mrs. Thyrice Sullivan were married near Grayson. The groom is 75 years of age and the bride 41. It was the fourth marriage for each. Mr. McFadden pleasantly remarked to the preacher: "This is my last marriage."

Miss Peak Acquitted.

Warren, Ky., Jan. 10.—Miss Jennie Peak was acquitted of the charge of conspiring to burn the barn of W. E. Crouch on Christmas eve. James Harris, a Negro, said he burned the barn at the instance of Miss Peak. The Negro will go to the penitentiary for life, as this will be his third term.

Blind Man Robbed.

Stanford, Ky., Jan. 10.—Martin Alcorn's house, near Turnersville, was entered and \$65 in cash, two gold watches and a pistol stolen. Bloodhounds were taken to the scene but failed. Alcorn a blind Negro pensioner.

Barn and Contents Burned.

Paintsville, Ky., Jan. 10.—Dan Dale's barn, with all its contents, was destroyed by fire. Loss \$1,000.

Four Fishermen Drowned.

Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 10.—Four members of the crew of the fishing schooner Edith S. Wolf, of this port, were drowned off the Nova Scotia coast while trawling on New Year's day.

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

A son was born to Prince Henry at Kiel, Prussia.

A considerable amount of counterfeit money has been put in circulation at Geneva, O.

Alva Hickum, a Monon brakeman, of Bloomington, was killed by the cars at Gosport, Ind.

An organized gang of coal stealers has been discovered at Paris, Ill., and a number of arrests made.

Freight Conductor John Abbott, of the P. & E. railway, was fatally crushed by the cars at Knox, Ind.

Col. George W. Moses has been appointed permanent receiver of the Broadway National bank in Boston.

Miss Emma Pickett, 34, living three miles south of Glenwood, W. Va., committed suicide by shooting herself through the heart with a rifle. Ill health.

William Jackson, the famous government scout, died at Blackfoot, Mont. He was the courier who first brought in the account of the Custer massacre.

The Prussian diet was opened. The speech from the throne announced the intention of the government to introduce the canal bill, but made no reference to foreign affairs.

The United States supreme court held that seizure by the blockading squadron during the late war of two fishing smacks, owned in Havana, was contrary to well-established international law.

Willie Koser, the medical student who shot Frederick Sinter, of Rahway, N. J., in Madison Square garden on the last night of the six day bicycle race, December 9, has been discharged from custody, Sinter failing to appear against him.

TUESDAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

Miss Myra Morella, the actress, died at Archer, Fla.

The transports Tartar and Aztec sailed for Manila from San Francisco.

Lonnie Masset, a French governess, was hanged at Newgate, Eng., for murdering her illegitimate child.

Cornelius W. Shew and James J. Egan were hanged at Montrose, Pa., for the murder of Jackson Pepper.

The Kentucky legislature balloted for United States senator. Blackburn was the choice of both houses and will be elected on joint ballot.

Blasco Vasco was hanged in the jail at Pittsburgh, Pa.

THE BUYERS' GUIDE.

Down :: They Go!

DOWN THEY GO HARD. ::

We have a few Christmas goods left. These goods must go to make room for our spring stock, which is arriving daily. We positively have no room to carry these fancy articles; they must go!

They Must Go at Once!

We have contracted for an immense spring stock. Every available inch of floor space will be required to exhibit same.

We Must Sell Our

TABOURETTES,
ROMAN CHAIRS,
PEDESTALS,
CHINA CLOSETS,
BUFFETS,
DESKS,
MUSIC CABINETS,
BOOKCASES,
FANCY STANDS,
FANCY LEATHER CHAIRS.

In order to make them go at once we give 15 per cent. off of our lowest net cash price. This will make quite a bargain for you; it is less than we paid for the goods. But they must go!

15 Per Cent. Discount!

Will Move Them Quickly, So Come Right Now!

And make your selection. Don't delay; delays are dangerous. Never in your life before have you had a chance to buy Furniture below factory price and possibly you never will again. Come quick. Affable salesmen will take great pleasure in showing you our immense stock. We solicit a visit from you!

Faithfully yours,

JOHN I. WINTER, THE PRICE FIGHTER!

RAILWAY TIMECARDS.

L. N. Louisville & Nashville
RAILROAD.

Leave. MAYFIELD DIVISION. Arrive.

11:30 a.m. Mayfield 5:40 p.m.
1:15 p.m. Mayfield 8:10 p.m.

All trains daily except Sunday.

ARRIVALS AT MAYFIELD.

East No. 14 10:00 a.m.
West No. 14 1:00 p.m.

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West No. 14 4:00 p.m.

East No. 14 4:00 p.m.
West No. 14 7:00 p.m.

East No. 14 7:00 p.m.
West No. 14 10:00 p.m.

Daily. *Daily except Sunday.

FRANKFORT AND CINCINNATI RAILWAY.

Leave. FRANKFORT, Arrive. CINCINNATI.

11:30 a.m. Frankfort 5:40 p.m. Cincinnati
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YANDELL SYSTEM.

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Tickets on sale at the C. and N. Y. R. R. Station, Louisville, Ky.

Hours of arrival and departure are at Cincinnati.

Leave. CHICAGO, Arrive. ST. LOUIS.

11:30 a.m. Chicago 5:40 p.m. St. Louis
1:15 p.m. Chicago 8:10 p.m. St. Louis

All trains daily except Sunday.

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WASHINGTON DIVISION.

Leave. WASHINGTON, Arrive. BALTIMORE.

11:30 a.m. Washington 5:40 p.m. Baltimore
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All trains daily except Sunday.

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CHICAGO DIVISION.

OFFICERS KILLED.

Shot in the Back While Taking a Negro Prisoner to Jail at Ripley, Tenn.

NEGROES CHARGED WITH THE CRIME.

Pursued By a Throng of Fully Fifteen Hundred Excited People and Many Bloodhounds.

Two Captured and Promptly Shown to Trees by the Roadside—Negroes Armed and An Officer Killed.

Ripley, Tenn., Jan. 10.—Martin Durham and W. D. Turner, officers of the posse, were shot to death while in the discharge of their duty by two Negroes. A throng of 1,500 people are in pursuit of the murderers and a double lynching is expected to follow their capture, as the community is horrified and exasperated by the unprovoked crime.

Turner and Durham had arrested a Negro named Gingers, and were escorting him to the Ripley jail, when they were overtaken by two Negroes, brothers of the prisoner, who, with out warning, fired from the rear shooting both officers in the back of the head, killing them instantly.

When the news of the tragedy reached here it created intense excitement, and many business people closed up their shops in order to join in the chase of the murderers. Those who were brought forth, and all the people who had left for the scene of the killing carried around with them a bent on taking summary vengeance on the slayers if they should be caught.

Latest reports from the large posse which went in pursuit of the "Gingers" Negroes are that two of the miscreants have been caught and lynched. The two Negroes were taken to trees on the roadside as soon as caught. One of the dead men is the prisoner who was being escorted to the jail when the officers were shot by his brothers. The searching parties are still out hunting for other participants in the crime.

It is reported that many Negroes in the neighborhood are arming themselves, and excitement runs high. Negroes are being run off the streets, and are warned to remain quiet.

A Negro was assaulted by a white man and perhaps fatally injured. The injured man was taken to a large numbers of men, who have joined in pursuit of other Negroes.

DIXON KNOCKED OUT.

Terry McGovern Wins the Featherweight Championship in Eight Rounds.

New York, Jan. 10.—Terry McGovern wrestled the featherweight championship of the world from George Dixon, who had defended it for nearly nine years. To save Dixon from a knock-out, Tom O'Rourke, his manager, threw up the sponge in the eighth round, when the Negro, looking utterly helpless, bleeding and weak but no game as the dying gladiator. The fight took place before a crowd that packed the Broadway Athletic Club and the victory decided the ownership of a \$10,000 purse.

When O'Rourke threw up the sponge Dixon was practically helpless. Terry McGovern was hit with vociferous cheers as the winner and was cheered and cheered again in the new champion. Dixon, the ex-champion, was not forgotten.

Round after round of cheers was given for the lad who had defended the title so cleverly for nearly nine years, as he left the ring bleeding and beaten, after having probably fought his last ring contest.

When the contestants returned to their dressing rooms Dixon was badly marked up, but McGovern showed little signs of having gone through a hard encounter. The marks that McGovern had were scratches on the right side of his neck and the Dixon's left arm had gone around, scratching the skin.

Dixon felt his defeat very keenly and had very little to say, except that McGovern was the best man he had ever met and that Terry could have beaten, in his present condition, any man that Dixon had ever defeated.

Molluxes Trial Delayed.
New York, Jan. 10.—The trial of Roland B. Molluxes for the murder of Katherine J. Adams relapsed into dullness with the calling of another expert in handwriting, Prof. Percival Frazer, of Philadelphia, who occupied nearly the whole day. Mr. Frazer expressed his opinion that the author of the letters signed "Prof. Percival Frazer," of Philadelphia, who occupied nearly the whole day. Mr. Frazer expressed his opinion that the author of the letters signed "H. Cornish" and "H. C. Barnett," and further that the author of the poison packet was written by the author of the letters.

Hawaiian Hearings.
Washington, Jan. 10.—The house committee on territories decided to take up the Hawaiian bill next Monday, when Gen. Hartwell, of Hawaii, and Mr. Litt, of the Hawaiian commission, will be heard. Alaskan legislation will be the next item, and after that dates will be fixed for hearing the claims of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona for admission to the union.

Bubonic Plague at Honolulu.
Washington, Jan. 10.—Surgeon Gen. Wyman, of the Marine Hospital service, received a report from Dr. Carmichael, at Honolulu, stating that there were eight additional cases of bubonic plague there up to January 1.

TWO PEOPLE PERISHED.

The Handsome Residence of Joseph Pulitzer, in New York City, Destroyed By Fire.

New York, Jan. 10.—The handsome residence of Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the New York World, at 19 and East Fifty-fifth street, was destroyed by fire and two persons were killed. The total loss is estimated at about \$300,000. The insurance is \$250,000.

The victims of the fire were Mrs. Morgan Jellic, the housekeeper, and Miss Elizabeth Montgomery, a governess.

The dwelling was a four story building of stone and brick with carved entrance. The dining room was famous for its handsome fittings. There was a conservatory adjoining and here the fire originated.

The origin of the fire is variously accounted for. The fire started in the kitchen at 7:30 a. m. while Mrs. Pulitzer, her daughters, Constance and Edith, 12 and 14 years of age respectively, and Herbert, a boy of 3 years, and the housekeeper and governess were asleep. Mr. Pulitzer and his son Joseph Jr. were at Lakewood. There were 16 servants in the house.

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He said he saw Mrs. Jellic on the roof and that she had jumped to the ground. He said she had jumped to the ground. He said she had jumped to the ground.

When the firemen found the body of the housekeeper on the top floor the fire was in her hands. It contained a number of silver trinkets and fancy articles. The woman's body was partly burned.

MURDERED A CHILD.

An Insane Doctor Kills a Baby in the Presence of His Helpless Parents.

Hampton, Jan. 10.—Dr. G. W. Appleby, for several years the leading physician at Bristol, Butler county, Pa., was charged with the murder of a 10-month-old child of Henry Weary, of this place, while making an examination of it in Dr. Holman's office in this city. Dr. Holman, who brought the child to Dr. Appleby's office to be treated for some trifling ailment and before he had time to attend to it he was called out by Dr. Holman, who suggested that Dr. Appleby, who was in the office at the time, should make the necessary examination.

Dr. Appleby took the child in his arms and handled it so roughly that the parents protested, but to no avail. Suddenly he put his thumb under its chin and with his fingers on top of its head crushed its face in so that the blood gushed out of its nose and mouth. Then he seized the child by one foot and began swinging it around his head, resisting all efforts of the terror-stricken parents to stop him, and it was not until his arm was taken that the child was taken from him. It was quite dead.

The insane commission was immediately convened and at midnight Dr. Appleby was on his way to the hospital for the insane at Independence. Three or four hours after the occurrence he seemed comparatively rational and said he knew what he was doing when he killed the child, but could not help it.

DOUBLE CRIME IN CHICAGO.

A Once Prominent Man Kills a Colored Woman and Then Shoots Himself.

Chicago, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Maude Johnson, colored, was shot dead by John M. Toner, who turned the weapon upon himself, inflicting a probably fatal wound. Toner is a white man, 54 years of age, and wealthy. The woman had been living with Toner at 312 West Adams street, where the double crime was committed. They came from Terre Haute, Ind., three weeks ago.

Mrs. Toner was for years one of the most respected citizens of Terre Haute. Two married daughters and a son reside there. For many years he was active in the local business and school association. He was in a business office until six months ago, when he was arrested for threatening to kill Mrs. Johnson. Her husband is Maj. Johnson, a Terre Haute pugilist.

Republican Party Principles.
Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 10.—Elwood S. Corser, who represents the national party of the United States, at this time is in Chicago, has just returned from a conference of anti-imperialists at Chicago, at which it was decided to hold a national meeting at Philadelphia on February 22, and another probably in Chicago just before the national republican convention of 1904.

Not Wanted in South Africa.
Chicago, Jan. 10.—A special to the Chronicle from Washington says: "When young Adelbert Hay, son of the secretary of state, reaches Pretoria, to assume charge of the United States consulate at the capital of the South African republic, he will be in company with President Kruger, who is persona non grata, and that he is at liberty to return to Washington at his own convenience."

NEWS HELD BACK.

Nothing Relating to the War Given Out By British Officials in London.

PRESS DISPATCHES ARE NOT ALLOWED.

Facts of the Real Situation in South Africa Are Replaced By Conjectures By The Public.

British Government Censored by the People on Its Present Policy—A Remark That the Commanders Will Be Charged.

London, Jan. 10.—The war office has not contributed the least particular as to what is taking place in Natal since Sunday. Neither has it allowed the dispatches of correspondents to get through. Consequently, the facts of the situation are replaced by conjectures; and the impatience of the public pours itself into a discussion of the conduct of the war, and what might have been done or ought now to be done.

The Morning Post demands that the forces aloft, and in preparation shall be increased by 65,000 men. To this end it urges that all the trained men of the country possess, militia and volunteers, shall be called out, asserting incidentally that, although the attitude of other powers is correct in the diplomatic sense of the word, the invasion, if attempted, would be sudden, and that now is the time to apprehend consequences.

The Daily News editorially defines the public opinion of the continent as "in a state which should not be ignored." It calls for "greater vigilance than ever on the part of the responsible for the efficiency of the navy" and urges "cautious, circumspect and business-like diplomacy."

The Daily Mail says that it understands that the suppression of another general commanding in South Africa will shortly be announced. This may have relation to Gen. Buller's hasty summons from Davenport. It is reported that he came by special train to London and held a long consultation with the headquarters staff. This seems to indicate that his advice, which only recently was in disrepute, is about to be utilized.

The critics range up and down the entire field of war transactions finding fault with the handling of the transports for troops who are ready to depart and with the concealment of the news averring that the censorship in South Africa encourages the malice; that the reports of correspondents are being mutilated and entire letters suppressed.

The admiral, in seeking transport, is reported to have chartered the American liner St. Paul, which was inspected previous to chartering, and the Liverpool steamer.

The government's defense, as put forth by Mr. Bullock at Manchester, has produced a disingenuous impression upon the country. The Standard, Times and St. James Gazette in the almost unanimous metropolitan and provincial in the approval of the government's explanation.

Great Britain's losses since the war began are fast approaching 8,000. A war office compilation of casualties, issued Tuesday evening, shows a total of 7,214—1,027 killed, 3,675 wounded and 2,511 missing. These do not include 140 who have succumbed to disease nor the casualties at Ladysmith last Saturday.

The Daily Mail says: "With characteristic bad manners the Transvaal authorities have refused to allow Mr. Hollis, the American representative at Pretoria, to care for British interests. This is an act without precedent in modern diplomatic history."

Americans to Aid the Boers.
New York, Jan. 10.—John C. Mahor, of Chadron, prominent in political circles, is raising a regiment to go to the Transvaal in aid of the Boers. Mr. Mahor already has the names of 1,000 men who are ready to go as soon as the means can be raised to transport them thither.

Mediation Refused.
London, Jan. 10.—King Leopold, according to the Brussels correspondent of the Daily Mail, recently invited of Queen Victoria whether an opportunity moment for mediation had arrived but received a reply in the negative.

Free State Troops Released.
London, Jan. 10.—The Daily Mail has the following dispatch dated Sunday, January 7, from Cape Town: "Dordrecht is now garrisoned by 1,000 rebels, thus releasing the Orange Free State troops for service elsewhere."

No Bombardment On Sunday.
London, Jan. 10.—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle dated at Ficks Camp Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, says: "There has been no bombardment of Ladysmith to-day, any shelling at Chierby by the British guns."

For the Sick and Wounded.
Berlin, Jan. 10.—All the members of the United States embassy in Berlin attended a concert given by the Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten, for the benefit of the sick and wounded in South Africa.

Death of a Major General.
London, Jan. 10.—Maj. Gen. Prior, commanding the 18th brigade, under orders to proceed to South Africa, died on Monday.

A UNIQUE IDEA.

Plan of a Quince (111) Man for a C. O. D. Collection by Mail Paid Favor With Post Office Officials.

The Quince (111) Journal of a recent date contained a notice of a new C. O. D. scheme suggested by Mr. Harry H. Charles, of that city, as an important feature for the proposed domestic parcels post in connection with the government post office department. In a paper which the Journal announced would be read before the convention of first-class postmasters at Washington, Mr. Charles explained his ideas as to the proposed C. O. D. plan. This feature Mr. Charles has been working out for more than a year. "He was," says the Journal, "set to thinking about it through the exigencies of the large mail-order business of the house of which he is manager." Some difficulties he had met with set him "to thinking, with the result that he made 200 successful experiments of sending packages C. O. D. by the same time to the postmaster asking him to deliver the package to the consignee upon payment of charges, and to forward the sum to the owner free of cost. In every one of the 200 test cases the experiment was a success, and in no instance was the package returned without being sent. Most of them were satisfied with their commission on the money order by which they returned the money."

When the postmaster general was recently in Quince with President McKinley, Mr. Charles met him by appointment and was highly gratified at the words of praise from Mr. Smith for his idea. Attorney General Griggs was present to pass on the legality of the measure, and after short consideration he said that there could be no objection to it.

BIG PRICES FOR PICTURES.

Rubens' "The Bath of Diana" and a Copy Sold Together for 125,000 Marks.

Prices far beyond expectation were realized at the auction of the paintings in the gallery of Dr. Martin Schubert at Munich, which was under the direction of Hugo Heiberg. The sale was well attended, many directors of state galleries and museums being present.

"The Bath of Diana," by Peter Paul Rubens, and the copy by Hendrick van Bitten, sold together for 125,000 marks. "Christ Hovering Over the Earth," by Rubens, sold for 6,800 marks. A bust portrait of an old man by Harnissen sold for 3,500 marks, and Lucas Cranach, Sr.'s "Madonna with the Child," 9,000 marks. No. 20, the same master, "Nymph Reposing at a Well," brought 9,500 marks, and the "The Housekeeper" sold for 35,000 marks.

Two portraits by Christoph Amberger sold for 31,000 marks. Nicolaus Pieterz Berchem's "Shepherdess" brought 3,500 marks, and Lucas Cranach, Sr.'s "Madonna with the Child," 9,000 marks. No. 20, the same master, "Nymph Reposing at a Well," brought 9,500 marks, and the "The Housekeeper" sold for 35,000 marks.

FIND MANILA CHURCH RELICS.

The Catholic Clergy Are Convinced That Honors of Worship Were Robbed.

For months past members of the Catholic clergy of San Francisco have heard reports that churches in the Philippines were being desecrated and robbed by American soldiers and the booty disposed of to pawnbrokers, etc. Investigations have been made, but those who had possession of the stolen property were shrewd enough to keep it out of sight. This precaution has been abandoned, however, and in many shops throughout that city a lucrative traffic is being carried on in the sale of chalices, vestments and other sacred church property. When the pawnbrokers and antiquarians were bold enough to make an attempt to exhibit and offer the stolen church property at public sale the Catholic priests have done and are doing everything possible to rescue the sacred articles. In their minds there is not the slightest doubt that the churches were looted and they not only accuse the American soldiers, but give the names of the desecrators and church robbers, with the exact company and regiment with which they were formerly or are now connected.

THE ARMORED TRAIN.

Part Is in Playing in the War in South Africa. Little to Result in Its General Use in the Future.

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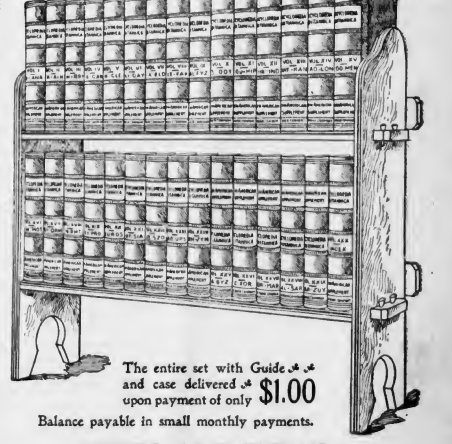
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